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Clerk Mahoney: "Regular House Perfunctory Session come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 4452, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4453, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4454, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4455, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning... making appropriations. House Bill 4456, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4457, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4458, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4459, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4460, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4461, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4462, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4463, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4464, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4465, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4466, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4467, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an

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Act concerning commerce. House Bill 4468, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4469, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4470, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4471, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4472, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. House Bill 4473, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 4474, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4475, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4476, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 4477, offered by Representative Wait, a Bill for an Act concerning minors. House Bill 4478, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4479, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4480, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4481, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4482, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4483, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4484, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning

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regulation. House Bill 4485, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4486, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4487, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4488, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 4489, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 4490, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4491, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4492, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4493, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4494, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4495, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4496, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4497, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4498, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4499, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4500, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4501, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a

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Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4502, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4503, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning the licensure of nurses. House Bill 4504, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4505, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4506, offered by Representative Patterson, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4507, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4508, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4509, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4510, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4511, offered by Representative Jefferies, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 4512, offered by Representative Jefferies, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 4513, offered by Representative Jefferies, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4514, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4515, offered by Representative Jefferies, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4516, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 4517, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4518, offered by Representative

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Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning libraries. House Bill 4519, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4520, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4521, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4522, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4523, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4524, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4525, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4526, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. And House Bill 4527, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4528, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4529, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning human services. House Bill 4530, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for a Act concerning health care. House Bill 4531, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4532, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4533, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4534, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4535, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act

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concerning revenue. House Bill 4536, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4537, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4538, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4539, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4540, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4541, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4542, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4543, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 4544, offered by Representative Schock, a Bill for an Act concerning fire arms. House Bill 4545, offered by Representative Schock, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4546, offered by Representative Schock, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4547, offered by Representative Schock, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4548, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4549, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 4550, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4551, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4552, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act

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concerning public aid. House Bill 4553, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4554, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4555, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4556, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4557, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4558, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4559, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4560, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4561, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4562, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4563, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4564, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. And House Bill 4565, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4566, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4567, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4568, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. And House Bill 4569, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning public

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employee benefits. This has been First Reading and introduction of the previous House Bills. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments First Reading. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 34, offered by Representative Poe.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 5 of Article IV and Section 2 of Article VIII as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 5. SESSIONS

- (a) The General Assembly shall convene each odd-numbered year on the second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a continuous body during the term for which members of the House of Representatives are elected.
- (b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by law.

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(c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine that the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

(a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly each odd-numbered year, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the ensuing two fiscal years. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal biennium, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal biennium of every department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and university, and every other public agency created by the State, but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and such other information as may be required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal biennium as shown in the budget.

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(b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal biennium shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that biennium.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies beginning in 2009.

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 35, offered by Representative Miller.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to change Section 9 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 9. VETO PROCEDURE

(a) Every bill passed by the General Assembly shall be presented to the Governor within 30 calendar days after its passage. The foregoing requirement shall be judicially enforceable. If the Governor approves the bill, he shall sign it and it shall become law.

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- (b) If the Governor does not approve the bill, he shall veto it by returning it with his objections to the house in which it originated. Any bill not so returned by the Governor within 60 calendar days after it is presented to him shall become law. If recess or adjournment of the General Assembly prevents the return of a bill, the bill and the Governor's objections shall be filed with the Secretary of State within such 60 calendar days. The Secretary of State shall return the bill and objections to the originating house promptly upon the next meeting of the same General Assembly at which the bill can be considered.
- (c) The house to which a bill is returned shall immediately enter the Governor's objections upon its journal. If within 15 calendar days after such entry that house by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected passes the bill, it shall be delivered immediately to the second house. If within 15 calendar days after such delivery the second house by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected passes the bill, it shall become law.
- (d) The Governor may reduce or veto any item of appropriations in a bill presented to him. Portions of a bill not reduced or vetoed shall become law. An item vetoed shall be returned to the house in which it originated and may become law in the same manner as a vetoed bill. An item reduced in amount shall be returned to the house in which it originated and may be restored to its original amount in the same manner as a vetoed bill except that the required record vote shall be a majority of the members elected to

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each house. If a reduced item is not so restored, it shall become law in the reduced amount.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

Seeing no further business, the regular House Perfunctory Session stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 22, 2008."